

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force**  
**Monday, March 11, 2013**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Ruth Perfido, Lisa Sprague, Paul Deane, George Mellor. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Stephanie Turaj from the Block Island Times, and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

**Not Present:** Becky Ballard, Bill McKernan, Sara McGinnes and alternative Betsey Theve.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M.

**1. Public input** – None at this time.

**2. Approval of minutes from February 11, 2013**

Minutes were approved with a minor change in a motion by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Paul Deane.

Ayes 4(Perfido, Sprague, Deane, Mellor) Nays 0 Absent3(Ballard, McKernan, McGinnes)

**3. New Business**

- Meeting with Barbara Baldwin, BIHS Director - George Mellor reported that this was a positive meeting.
- Selections of liaisons for public officials and governmental agencies – This was tabled for full member participation\*
- Discussion –revised Plan to Eliminate or Drastically Reduce the BI Deer Herd –Kim Gaffett mentioned that Cathy Sparks of DEM will be here on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. A work session will be planned for a working liaison group (George, Paul and Becky) from the Deer Task Force to meet with her. The Plan will be shared with her ahead of time after George Mellor makes clarifications to it. Meeting time is tentatively 12:00 noon.
- Managed hunts- Paul Deane reported that he is still waiting for the statistics. There were no issues, no accidents reported during the managed hunts.
- Website – tabled
- Aerial count proposal to DEM – Cathy Sparks will be asked about this.
- Statistics – George Mellor will continue to keep the stats.
- Funding – Lisa Sprague will work with Heidi Tarbox to see what is available\*

Mention was made that the Town Council will have hunting dates on their April agenda.

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At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by George Mellor and seconded by Paul Deane to adjourn and voted unanimously.

\*Denotes items for the next agenda.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan